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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 13 2005. The Office Action set a three month deadline, making this paper due by January 13, 2005. While no fees are believed owed with this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No 19-0733. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.